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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (MONDALE, WALTER F.) UK

SUBJECT: WORKING VISIT OF VICE PRESIDENT TO EUROPE

REF: STATE 13696

1. HMG HAS PROBLEM WITH CHANGE IN THE ARRIVAL TIME REFLECTED IN REFTEL.
2. FOREIGN SECRETARY CROSLAND HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED BY PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN TO MEET THE VICE PRESIDENT AS WELL AS SEE HIM OFF.
3. THE EARLIER ARRIVAL TIME, HOWEVER, MAKES IT VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR FONSEC TO GET TO LONDON IN TIME TO GREET VICE PRESIDENT. FONSEC WILL BE COMING FROM STRASBOURG AND HAD PLANNED TO LAND 15 MINUTES PRIOR TO V.P. AIR-CRAFT.
4. THERE IS CONSIDERABLE ENTHUSIASM BY HMG--AND ESPECIALLY THE FOREIGN OFFICE--FOR A PRESS CONFERENCE ON JANUARY 28 AT WHICH FOREIGN SECRETARY WOULD BE IN ATTENDANCE.
5. IF VICE PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE IS SO LOCKED IN AS TO PREVENT HIS ARRIVING LATER ON JANUARY 27, WE WILL
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- SO INFORM HMG. AT SAME TIME, HOWEVER, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL AND WE BELIEVE VERY FAVORABLY RECEIVED BY HMG, IF WE WERE ABLE TO STATE THAT VICE PRESIDENT WOULD HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FROM CLARIDGE'S ON JANUARY 28 AND THAT FONSEC CROSLAND WOULD BE WELCOME TO ATTEND.
6. THERE IS SUFFICIENT TIME TO HOLD PRESS CONFERENCE

BEFORE DEPARTURE FROM HOTEL TO AIRPORT. WE SUQGEST
10:15 A.M. FOR BEGINNING OF PRESS CONFERENCE AND
ENDING AT 10:45 A.M., WHICH WOULD ALLOW A FEW MINUTES
FOR PRESS TO COLLECT ITSELF AND GET TO THE AIRPORT WHILE
VICE PRESIDENT AND FOREIGN SECRETARY LEAVE CLARIDGE'S
AT 11:05 A.M., AS PRESENTLY SCHEDULED.

7. EMBASSY TOO URGES FRIDAY A.M. PRESS CONFERENCE. IT
WILL GIVE VP ACCESS TO US FRIDAY EVENING TV NEWS SHOWS,
AND U.S. AND EUROPEAN FRIDAY EVENING AND SATURDAY A.M.
PAPERS. LONDON PROVIDES SOUNDING BOARD OF LARGEST, MOST
PROFICIENT INTERNATIONALLY ORIENTED ENGLISH-LANQUAGE
PRESS OUTSIDE US, INCLUDING VERY IMPORTANT RESIDENT
US PRESS CORPS. UK AND EUROPEAN PRESS ARE EAGER FOR
LOOK AT NEW US ADMINISTRATION THROUGH MONDALE; WE BELIEVE
LONDON PRESS CONFERENCE WILL NOT SLACKEN INTEREST IN
SATURDAY PARIS WRAP-UP CONFERENCE ON EUROPEAN VISIT.
FONSEC CROSLAND PRESENCE AT CONFERENCE WILL, MOREOVER,
SERVE TO UNDERSCORE STRONG ANGLO-AMERICAN TIES.
8. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP.

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